

What is claimed is:

1. A method of making a call, comprising:
  1. displaying a hyperlink;
  2. receiving an indication of user selection of the hyperlink; and
  3. generating a call request based on the indication.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein displaying the hyperlink is performed in a browser screen.
3. The method of claim 1, further comprising associating the hyperlink with a telephone number of a remote party.
4. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
  1. associating the hyperlink with a logical identifier of a remote party; and
  2. accessing rules information to determine further information to add to the logical identifier.
5. The method of claim 4, further comprising determining if the call is local or long distance and adding prefix information if the call is determined to be long distance.
6. The method of claim 4, further comprising providing charge information for a toll call.
7. The method of claim 1, wherein displaying the hyperlink comprises displaying a hyperlink associated with a uniform resource locator.
8. The method of claim 7, wherein the uniform resource locator contains a telephone number.

1           9.     The method of claim 7, wherein displaying the hyperlink comprises  
2 displaying a hyperlink associated with a uniform resource locator having a protocol  
3 identifier and a string representing a logical identifier of a callee.

1           10.    The method of claim 9, wherein the logical identifier comprises a  
2 telephone number.

1           11.    The method of claim 9, wherein the protocol identifier comprises a  
2 ~~✓~~ predetermined identifier to identify the uniform resource locator as a telephony-related  
3 uniform resource locator.

1           12.    The method of claim 1, further comprising copying the hyperlink from a  
2 first storage location accessible by a browser to a second storage location accessible by  
3 another application routine.

1           13.    The method of claim 1, further comprising establishing a call session with  
2 a remote terminal.

1           14.    A device capable of participating in call sessions over a data network,  
2 comprising:  
3            a display;  
4            a hyperlink presentable in the display and selectable by a user; and  
5            a controller to generate a call request in response to selection of the  
6            hyperlink.

1           15.    The device of claim 14, further comprising a storage device containing  
2 call rules, the controller to access the call rules to determine how the call request is to be  
3 generated.

1           16.    The device of claim 15, the controller to determine if the call request is a  
2 local call or a toll call based on the call rules.

1           17. The device of claim 15, the controller to add one or more special  
2 characters to provide a function based on the call rules.

1           18. The device of claim 17, wherein the function is selected from the group  
2 consisting of disabling call waiting, inserting a pause, and navigating an automated  
3 attendant.

1           19. The device of claim 15, the controller to add charge information to a call  
2 request based on the call rules.

1           20. The device of claim 14, wherein the hyperlink is presentable in a browser  
2 screen in the display.

1           21. The device of claim 14, wherein the hyperlink is associated with a label  
2 that is presentable in the display and a uniform resource locator that is contained in the  
3 call request.

1           22. The device of claim 14, wherein the hyperlink is associated with a uniform  
2 resource locator containing a logical identifier of a callee, the logical identifier being  
3 contained in the call request.

1           23. The device of claim 22, wherein the uniform resource locator further  
2 contains a predetermined protocol identifier to identify the uniform resource locator as a  
3 telephony-based uniform resource locator.

1           24. An article comprising one or more storage media containing instructions  
2    that when executed cause a device to:  
3            present a hyperlink;  
4            receive an indication of selection of the hyperlink;  
5            receive a uniform resource locator associated with the hyperlink; and  
6            generate a call request containing information in the uniform resource  
7    locator.

1           25. The article of claim 24, wherein the instructions when executed cause the  
2    device to receive the uniform resource locator associated with a predetermined telephony  
3    protocol identifier.

1           26. The article of claim 24, wherein the instructions when executed cause the  
2    device to present the hyperlink in a browser screen.

1           27. The article of claim 24, wherein the instructions when executed cause the  
2    device to establish a call session over a data network.

1           28. The article of claim 24, wherein the instructions when executed cause the  
2    device to copy the hyperlink from a first storage location accessible by a first application  
3    routine to a second storage location accessible by a second application routine.

1           29. A data signal embodied in a carrier wave and containing instructions that  
2    when executed cause a terminal to:  
3            receive selection of a hyperlink associated with a label that is displayed by  
4    the terminal and a uniform resource locator; and  
5            generate a call request for communication over a data network, the call  
6    request containing a callee identifier contained in the uniform resource locator.

1                   30. A device capable of participating in call sessions over a data network,  
2 comprising:  
3                   a display;  
4                   a storage device to store hyperlinks associated with identifiers of callees;  
5                   a controller; and  
6                   a routine executable on the controller to present at least one of the  
7 hyperlinks on the display and to generate a call request in response to selection of the at  
8 least one hyperlink.

1                   31. The device of claim 30, further comprising an telephone directory routine  
2 executable on the controller, the telephone directory routine to add the hyperlink to an  
3 address directory.

1                   32. The device of claim 30, further comprising an electronic mail routine  
2 executable on the controller, the electronic mail routine to add the hyperlink to a  
3 message.